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Marginal Column

By HENY LAQUEUR

BEING accustomed to a pessimism which for some reason or other believes in political headlines day after day, week after week, the visitor to Britain from the East suffers a mild shock, which has the salutary effects of an anti-climax. "Aged couple escape on roof"; "Woman P.C. fined for theft, sobs in the dock"; "Middlesex lose six for seven"; "Clayton thinks of third ball"; "Little boy with the big brown eyes"; "Judge: How can such husband be sincere?" These happened to be the main headlines of London's evening papers one of these past nights. And the rather unnecessary caption of the main picture reads: "23-year-old Jean Ward of Islington found this means of keeping cool today." She is seen sitting on the fountain at Hornsey Open-Air Baths. And, believe me or not, it is a more pleasant sight than one of most Cabinet Ministers throughout the world in similar circumstances.

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BRITISH traditional preoccupation with topics other than political, and not only in the press, has, of course, enormous advantages in an age when thoughts about the political future have all-too-frequently a slightly apocalyptic taint. It contributes towards sanity, and what would be the prospects of the world if others were as eminently sensible as the British. But unfortunately they are not, and even if the leadership of the Labour Party will soon go to China, it is not thought very likely that the leaders of the main opposition party from China or Russia will delegate a similar mission to Britain in the near future. And this many in London still fail to understand.

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IS the British national character changing? The director of the National Tourist Association stated in a recent speech that cases had been reported of late of Englishmen and women starting to talk to strangers in the streets, the tube and the buses. The proverbial reserve has probably always been an exaggeration, but it is certainly now less felt than ever. It may not be a scientific observation, but the first impression of at least one stranger to London was that of being addressed by more people in London in one hour than in Paris during a whole day, and to find more real politeness and readiness to help than in a certain Central European country, known as the tourists' paradise, during a whole week.

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SIR Gordon Richards still could not say last night whether he will be fit enough to ride Landau in the Derby next Wednesday. Mrs. Xenia Field reports that she looks upon the Regal Pelargonium as the undisputed king of the geranium family. The "Daily Mirror" correspondent in Singapore starts his headline story with the following dramatic words: "Beautiful Anne d'Rozario Torrell tried to open the door of the hotel room. It was locked." Other stories begin: "Inky may be a black poodle, but he's the white sheep of the family." "The Duke of Edinburgh got soaking wet yesterday on horseback." "The men who cry at the Cinema." "Every day I go to school in our special school bus. But unless I am very early, I miss getting one of the good seats and have to sit near the boys. As I have long plaits, they have great fun pulling them. I am so fed up that I wish there was some other way of getting to school." — This is the real news, and maybe we have been wasting our time all along with foolish abstractions.

London, May 30.

Balkan Military Alliance Closer

ATHENS, Saturday (Reuter). — Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia have decided to create a joint Consultative Assembly of deputies of the three countries, it was announced here today.

The announcement came at the end of a four-day visit by President Tito of Yugoslavia, during which it was agreed to convert the treaty of friendship between the three countries into a military alliance.

A communique recording the decision said the alliance would be established at the forthcoming annual meeting of the three Foreign Ministers in Belgrade.

The assembly will be composed of an equal number of Greek, Yugoslav and Turkish members and will meet in the three capitals.

The decision, disclosed yesterday, to conclude a military alliance was announced jointly in Athens today by a communique after the talks between Marshal Papagos and President Tito.

The communique said, "The present world situation requires constant vigilance by members of the tripartite pact and the close systematic collaboration.

Depends on Trieste

Usually well informed sources said the signing of the alliance would depend partly on progress on some outstanding problems of alliance, but mainly on a solution of the Trieste dispute.

The Balkan countries have thus granted a "short-term time credit" following friendly advice from Britain and the U.S. not to affect the Trieste dispute adversely by an immediate signature, these sources said.

Reports from London said today that the decision of Greek, Yugoslav and Turkish statesmen to postpone until July the formal steps converting the existing three-power Balkan friendship pact into a military alliance has encouraged diplomatic quarters there to hope that before then a solution to the Trieste problem can be found.

Khan Says Anglo-Egypt Rift Narrowed Down

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — The organ of the Revolution Council, "Al Gumhurya," today quoted the Pakistan Foreign Minister, Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, as saying that Anglo-Egyptian differences had been narrowed down and that an amicable settlement was now possible.

Zafrullah Khan is at present in Cairo.

The newspaper also stated that the first troops withdrawn from Egypt would be tried out tomorrow, embarkation near Cairo.

10% Fare Increase Asked by Bus Coops

A 10% increase in fares due to the rise in fuel costs was requested by representatives of the three bus cooperatives, Egged, Dan and Hamekasher at a meeting on Friday with the Minister of Communications, Mr. Joseph Saphir.

The Minister promised to bring the matter to the attention of the Ministry and the Government. He asked the representatives to meet him again after he had studied the matter.

Mr. Saphir pointed out the pressing need to remedy various defects in the bus services, and emphasized the need of putting newly ordered equipment into service soon.

Mr. Hillel Raddy, Director-General of the Ministry, and Mr. Michael Bar, the Controller of Road Transport, participated in the meeting.

DOCTORS' STRIKE DEFINITELY OFF

The scheduled doctors' strike was called off last night by the Israel Medical Association since the Government has promised to form a public committee to deal with improving the employed physicians' conditions of work during the present fiscal year.

A request by the Medical Association that representatives of its organization and of all the other medical institutions in the country be represented on the committee is expected to be discussed at a special meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday. A request was also made that this committee start its work within two weeks and finish its investigations within six.

The Medical Association voiced its approval of the Histadrut's establishing a committee which would suggest methods for improving the conditions of Kupat Holim doctors in negotiations with the Histadrut Central Committee.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Premier confirmed to the Executive of Ameikor Radio that night that Foreign Songs will be heard into January and announced a competition for foreign-language songs.

The Russian Ambassador in Washington said that Foreign Representatives over the Russian border constituted a great danger to the peace of the Western World system.

US Pledges Increased Aid to Turkey

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. today held out promise of increased military aid to Turkey in the coming year and pledged quickened delivery of about $500m. worth of military equipment already approved.

This was announced in a joint communique issued by the State Department following the talks here with Prime Minister Adnan Menderes of Turkey, who left the capital today.

The communique also said the U.S. Congress had been asked to provide economic aid to Turkey in the coming year under the pending mutual security legislation.

It added that although the U.S. could not make any military or economic aid commitments beyond the fiscal year 1955, it had been agreed to continue the appraisal of Turkey's possible future needs and the measures which might be taken by the two Governments in attaining common objectives.

Big Army Building Plans on Cyprus

By ERIC M. RUSSELL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — Several hundred acres of land near Episcopi in the Limassol district, southwestern Cyprus, have been acquired for the construction of a military housing estate, it was officially confirmed here today.

This follows press reports last month that some 400 houses would shortly be built in that area to house the families of British servicemen. The site is close to the area where the newest British military cantonment on the island is at present under construction.

It is also reliably learned that the work at Episcopi is being speeded up to such an extent that large numbers of troops from the Canal Zone will be accommodated there later this year.

The first troops are expected to move into Episcopi, where a 12km. cantonment has just been completed in August. Preparations for the transfer of the British Middle East Headquarters from the Canal Zone are going on at Moascia and the first units are expected to move in September.

Children Flee Classrooms As Tremor Shakes Cyprus

NICOSIA, Saturday. — An earth tremor lasting three seconds shook the Paphos district in the extreme south-west of Cyprus early this morning, sending terrified children fleeing from their schoolrooms.

Hundreds of terrified inhabitants of the area had already spent the previous night in the open after an earlier tremor lasting six seconds on Thursday night.

Reports from Paphos this morning said cracks had appeared in the walls of many buildings after the tremors, the strongest since last September's earthquake, when 49 people were killed and 3,000 made homeless in the same area.

(A report from Japan says a sharp earthquake which started with an "explosive bang" shook the Tokyo district this evening. No immediate damage was reported but long-time residents said the tremors were the strongest felt in years.)

(Reuter, UP)

French-Indian Talks On Enclaves Break Down

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — The French-Indian talks on the future of the four French settlements in India have broken down, according to a communique issued here yesterday.

The communique, while stressing the friendly spirit of the talks, said the difficulties in reconciling the two points of view had led to their discontinuation. It was not expected that they would be resumed in the near future.

In New Delhi, an Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said the refusal of the French to give up the control of the police in the settlements during the interim period, while the French National Assembly drafted legislation for their transfer, had led to the breakdown. He blamed the "legalistic" attitude of the French for the deadlock and said India could not be expected to undertake the present payment programme in the settlements.

McCarthy's 'Phone Calls Published

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — Senator Joseph R. McCarthy warned the Army Secretary Mr. Robert T. Stevens last February 20 that he would "live to regret it" if he ordered Army officers not to testify before the Senator's investigating committee.

Monitored telephone calls disclosed today that Mr. McCarthy also told Mr. Stevens: "I am going to hold the feet on of anyone who protects Communists."

He dared the Army Secretary to "just go ahead and try" to tell Army officers not to appear before the Senate investigating subcommittee investigating alleged "coddling" of Communists in the Army.

Stevens Switches

Four days after the conversation Mr. Stevens changed his stand and granted a "concession of understanding" with Mr. McCarthy by which he agreed to produce the Army officers.

Later, Mr. Stevens told the Army Counsel, Mr. John G. Adams, in a telephone conversation during which Mr. Adams testified that as a result of the "concession of understanding" the Army "is going to let the thing run on."

Mr. McCarthy said today that he had no objection to Mr. Stevens' use of the calls, but "certain parts" should be deleted. Subcommittee counsel, Ruth Young Watt, agreed.

The calls disclosed that Mr. McCarthy asked Mr. Stevens on November 7 "for God's sake" not to assign Pvt. Irving Peress, drafted four days previously, to work with the subcommittee because "all hell would break loose."

Mr. McCarthy said Mr. Ray H. Cohn, his 27-year-old counsel, was "completely unreasonable" about the treatment given Mr. Adams, but stressed the committee counsel would be "my friend."

Opposition Case Said Personal Issue

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — Senator Wayne Morse said yesterday that Congress should look into reported "personality conflict" with the Atomic Energy Commission.

He said that there is "reason to believe there is some connection" between the security case involving Dr. Robert Oppenheimer and what he called a move by the Atomic Energy Commission majority to [illegible]

Rumania Protests Israel's 'Hostile' Press Campaign

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Rumania has protested to the Israel Legation in Bucharest against the "hostile propaganda carried out by certain sections of the press and organizations in Israel against Rumania," the Rumanian news agency Agerpress reported today.

The Rumanian note repudiated Israel's press campaign against anti-Semitism in Rumania. It said, "A campaign of calumnies and propaganda against Rumania was particularly intensified from the moment when Rumanian organs of justice, on the basis of laws in force, applied well-deserved punishment to some elements who, putting themselves in the service of certain foreign powers, have committed espionage against the Rumanian State."

Rumania accused Israel of preventing "by various means" the return of Rumanian Jews to Rumania.

'Attempt to Interfere'

The note also said some official statements and actions "can be considered only as an attempt to interfere with the internal affairs of Rumania," the agency said.

The note further said, "The Rumanian government confirms its desire to have normal relations with Israel, but at the same time insists that the Israel Government should take the necessary measures to put a stop to hostile activities directed against the Rumanian Republic."

The spokesman of the Israel consulate, says the note, are trying to put the public to believe that the sentences are due to racial discrimination.

The Rumanian note had not yet been received in Israel last night and there was therefore no official comment, writes The Jerusalem Post diplomatic correspondent.

It can be anticipated, however, that Israel's official reaction will follow fairly closely the statement made by the Prime Minister to the Knesset on May 24. On that occasion Mr. Moshe Sharett said that the persons now imprisoned had been our comrades in the political and educational struggle and the Government had evidence that they had been penalized solely because of their loyalty to Zionism and the principle of immigration.

The Government, Mr. Sharett added then, will continue to concern itself with this injustice and will continue to demand the release of the Zionist prisoners and that they be permitted to come to Israel. Just as it will continue to demand the right of every Jew to emigrate to Israel if he desires to do so."

Lebanon Wants Western Alliance

The Lebanese Premier, Abdallah el Yafi, told the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies in Beirut on Friday that his Government would take the initiative to start talks for the association of the Arab states with the Western powers, AHARI has reported.

He referred to proposals by various Deputies that the Lebanon should seek American arms and a guarantee for her borders with Israel.

President Camille Chamoun returned to Beirut from his South American tour yesterday, UP reports.

MAC Finds Lebanon Guilty Of Firing on Car

The Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday called on Lebanon to take immediate steps to prevent a repetition of such incidents as that which occurred at Shomera last week when an Israel patrol car was fired on, the Army spokesman announced yesterday.

The armoured car, which was patrolling the Lebanese border on Monday night, returned the fire. Six shots hit the car, but none of the patrol was wounded.

The MAC found that the attackers had come from Lebanese territory.

An Israel patrol discovered demolition spikes in the road to Ein Hashlosha in the Negev on Thursday night.

The Syrians have been observed digging a channel opposite Mishmar Hayarden and parallel to the channel which has been dug by Israel engineers. It is apparently intended to divert the waters, a Jerusalem Post reporter who visited the area on Friday says.

The work is being done by the hand and appears to be a political move rather than an undertaking of economic value.

It will be recalled that the main purpose of the Israel channel is to obtain electric power.

Infiltrators Steal Pump

REHOVOTH, Saturday. — A water pump valued at IL.1,200 was dismantled and stolen by infiltrators from a grove near Migdal Ashkelon on Thursday night.

Ike Gives Johnston Final Instructions

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — President Eisenhower yesterday gave Mr. Eric Johnston final instructions for his conference in Cairo with officials of four Arab states on divergent Arab and Israel plans for development of the Jordan watershed for irrigation and power.

Mr. Johnston, the President's personal representative to the Middle East, told reporters afterwards: "I dont want to give any false impression of optimism on the latest trip, but there is some hope that something can be done — not much hope but something."

Mr. Johnston said he will confer in Cairo on June 12 with the Economic and Interior Ministers of Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Following this he will go to Tel Aviv for talks with Israel Government officials.

Mr. Johnston said that both Israel and the Arab states had now presented a plan and, "while they are poles apart, we are encouraged by the fact that they have carefully studied engineering data and each side has come up with a proposal."

Mr. Johnston pointed out that in their plans, the Israelis and the Arabs both appear to recognize that the other side has right to some of the water of the Jordan watershed.

The special envoy said that the proposal to develop that watershed for irrigation and power is the key project to several plans which exist for improving the economic climate of the entire area. The development plan, he pointed out, would provide opportunities for about one-third of the 875,000 Arab refugees from Israel now living in refugee camps.

(Reuter, UP)

RUSSELL LEAVES TODAY FOR CONSULTATIONS

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. Francis H. Russell, U.S. Charge d'Affaires, is leaving for Washington tomorrow for a week's consultations with the State Department.

It is understood that Mr. Edward Lorenzo, the Ambassador to Israel, will arrive later than scheduled because his departure from Ireland has been delayed.

Mr. Lorenzo is leaving Ireland by a plane for Washington.

BIGGEST TANKER

HAMBURG, Saturday (UP). — The world's largest tanker, the 47,000-ton Sand el Auwi, was launched here today. The tanker was commissioned by the Greek shipowner, Mr. A. Onassis, under a contract with the Saudi Arabian Government.

Every Woman — A Business Woman

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US Rejects New Molotov Plan for Korean Elections

First US-China Contact Opened

GENEVA, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. today made its first direct contact with People's China. An official spokesman of the Chinese delegation said today that an official of the American delegation had met Chinese officials this morning to discuss the question of Americans under arrest in China and Chinese students detained in the U.S.

Further meetings between the two sides will take place, the spokesman said, as this morning's contact was only a preliminary one.

Sources close to the American delegation have made it clear that any such contact would be on the same lines as war-time contact between opposing sides over the future of prisoners of war, and would not mean any change in the U.S. attitude to Peking.

French Command Changed

PARIS, Saturday (UP). — The French Government tonight shuffled top military commands and announced the appointment of Gen. Augustin Guillaume, outgoing Resident-General in Morocco, as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Today France's High Commissioner to Vietnam, M. Maurice Dejean was named Diplomatic Counsellor to the French Government.

M. Dejean's former job was amalgamated with the military command in a drastic revision of French leadership in Indo-China. Both posts have been given to Gen. Paul Ely, who leaves on Monday to head the new "super-command."

The Vietnamese Premier, Prince Buu Loc, was meanwhile en route back to Indo-China following the initialling today of the treaties of "independence and association" with France.

Britain, China Seen Agreed On Ending Indo-China War

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — Mr. Herbert Morrison's visit to Israel coincides with the final preparations now being made for the departure to China in August of a representative Labour Party delegation of eight, headed by Mr. Attlee and including Mr. Aneurin Bevan.

While Mr. Morrison's visit is private and merely underscores Labour's growing interest in Israel, the despatch to China of such a delegation at this time clearly represents a major political move. The delegates are to spend almost one month in China and may visit Moscow *en route*, in which case they are likely to meet members of the Soviet Government, possibly including the Prime Minister Mr. Malenkov.

All this is taking place against a background of steadily increasing public indifference to the Indo-China war and mounting pressure for a settlement along Korean lines. The tone of all reports from Canal Zone terrorism, now the frontier clashes between Israel and Jordan are causing any immediate concern. The consensus is that the Middle East will have to wait until Indo-China is settled. Then things may move fast.

In American quarters here the conviction prevails that Britain will abandon Suez before long and that the Middle East will be thrown into the melting pot. But nobody expects matters to come to a head before 1956. Until then the stalemate is expected to reign on the diplomatic front.

MORRISON ON WAY

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Herbert Morrison, deputy leader of the British Labour Party, left here by air today for Lydda.

His visit to Israel is at the invitation of the Israel Government, and Mr. Morrison said at the airport he would spend a week touring the country.

Geneva is dominated by the underlying conviction that Britain and China have found common ground on the issue of limiting the war.

Characteristically the press no longer gives prominence to blasts from Washington that America may proceed without Britain in constructing a defence organization. This piece of bluff is now perceived for what it is. There is more anxiety that French resistance may crumble either in Saigon or in Paris before the Chinese have agreed to partition.

The Middle East has temporarily faded into the background. Not only the Cabinet, which today again hailed Mr. Eden report on Geneva, but also the top-ranking Foreign Office and Defence officials are too busy with the Far East to give attention to less urgent matters. The highest ranking official nominally in charge of Middle Eastern affairs is currently in Geneva assisting Mr. Eden with his work.

Against this background all Mediterranean problems have for the moment been shelved. Neither the recent revival of

USSR Demands Foreign Troops Quit

GENEVA, Saturday. — The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, tabled a five-point plan at today's Korean conference session which included provision for the withdrawal of all foreign troops before elections, and guarantees of Korea's "peaceful development" by the "nations most interested in maintaining peace in the Far East."

The leader of the American delegation, Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, immediately described the proposals as an attempt "to establish a kind of super-government in which the Communists would have the power to frustrate any effort to achieve honest elections."

Mr. Molotov's plan was:

1) Free elections to be held in all Korea in order to establish a united, independent and democratic nation.
2) An all-Korean body of representatives of both sides should be formed to prepare and carry out these elections.
3) All foreign troops should be withdrawn from Korea within a definite time limit before the elections.
4) An international commission should be formed to supervise the elections.
5) The nations most interested in maintaining peace in the Far East should assume the obligations of guaranteeing Korea's peaceful development and thus help Korean reunification.

Prerequisite to Freedom

Mr. Molotov said that the withdrawal of all foreign armed forces was "a prerequisite for the Korean people to express freely their will in the nation-wide elections without foreign interference."

Mr. Molotov proposed that the details of his plan be worked out separately by sub-committees.

Before presenting his plan, Mr. Molotov briefly reviewed the discussions on Korea and said that a "certain degree of reconciliation" was noticeable on some fundamental principles to serve as a basis for a peaceful settlement.

He said that the five principles set out by the British Foreign Secretary on May 18 were worthy of attention.

Mr. Bedell Smith described the Soviet proposal for a neutral nations' supervisory commission to arrange Korean elections as "completely fraudulent."

"If the Communists were really sincere about impartial supervision, there is no reason in the world why they should not accept a representative UN commission for that task. This they have categorically and repeatedly rejected."

China Meets West

Earlier in the conference today, the Chinese Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, declared that there was "much common ground" between East and West over Korea's future.

He proposed that the existing Neutral Nations Armistice Supervisory Commission in Korea — composed of Switzerland, Sweden, Poland and Czechoslovakia — should supervise all Korean elections, which should be conducted by proportional representation.

He again insisted that U.N. supervision was "untenable."

(UP, Reuter)

Vietminh Threaten Delta Lifeline

HANOI, Saturday. — Vietminh troops have seized a second defence post on the Hanoi Haiphong road-rail lifeline funnelling American war material to Red River Delta fighting fronts, the French Command announced today.

The post, described as a "minor" sentry post, was the second to fall within a week along the artery which runs 96 vulnerable kilometres across flat rice lands to the sea.

French authorities refused to identify it by name or give its location. The first post, which fell on Monday, was only 15 kms. east of Hanoi in a region thickly infested with Vietminh regulars.

Entire Division

French authorities estimate that an entire Vietminh division is deployed along the lifeline. Traffic is maintained only by constant aircraft and tank patrols.

The Vietnamese National Army yesterday evacuated the outpost of Bunaerieng, Central Annam, menaced by a marauding of a Vietminh regiment which swept down from the North Montum hills.

The Communists attacked the Vietnamese as they withdrew and the retiring garrison had to break up into small groups to fight their way towards the coast.

"Some reached safety," the French High Command said.

(Reuter, U.P.)

Soviet Bloc Barred From ILO Committee

GENEVA, Saturday (Reuter). — Employer and employee delegates from Russia and six other Communist states were today barred from membership of the important Steering Committee of the 37th General Conference of the International Labour Organization.

But government delegates from the Soviet Union were admitted unanimously. The Steering Committee consists of 30 Government delegates, ten workers and ten employer representatives.

Protests against the credentials of employer and worker delegates from the Soviet Union Byelorussia, the Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria have been lodged with the conference's Credentials Committee. It was alleged that the employers in these states are, in fact, Government representatives.

EDEN REPORTS

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Sir Winston Churchill's cabinet today heard a personal report from Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, on the progress of the six-week-old talks in Geneva.

Before the meeting, Mr. Eden called on the Prime Minister at No. 10 Downing Street, his official residence, to confer privately.

The Foreign Secretary told reporters on his arrival at the airport last night that the conference was making "slow progress." He would be returning to the talks on Tuesday, he added.

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Social & Personal

The Chief Rabbi, Dr. I. H. Herzog, was present at a ceremony celebrating the opening of an additional building at the Ohel Children's Home in Afula on Wednesday.

A reception for Mr. G. Huntington-Damon, Assistant Director of the U.S. Information Agency in Washington, was held in Ramat Gan last night, by Mr. J. Bennett, Public Affairs Press Officer at the U.S. Embassy, and Dr. T. H. McGrail, Cultural Attaché at the U.S. Embassy.

Mr. A. Ezer, Commissioner of Tourism, left by El Al on Friday for Italy at the invitation of the Florence Festival to discuss ways of furthering co-operation between Israel and the Festival organizers.

Mr. Nahum Ratchkowsky has been elected President of the Haifa Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr. B. Lurie and Mr. M. Felixbrodt were elected Vice-Presidents; Mr. H. Zimmerman, Hon. Treasurer and Mr. B. Aronstam, Hon. Secretary.

MEMORIAL MEETING

A memorial meeting for Mrs. Kate R. Biskind will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 1954, at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem. Transport from Nesher Taxi office at 2.45 p.m.

BIRTH

THEILHABER — to Ziva (nee Chizik) and Adin Theilhaber, Jerusalem, on June 3, 1954 — a son.

HABIMAH'S STORY

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Habimah's 35-year-old story is depicted in the exhibition opened in the theatre lobby by Mayor H. Levanon yesterday. Part of the exhibition is expected to be taken with Habimah to Paris where the theatre will take part in the International Theatre Festival shortly.

The Habimah Troupe, founded by the late Nahum Zemah in Moscow in 1918, played before 7.5 m. persons. It gave over 8,850 performances of 130 plays, visited 18 countries and played in 107 towns.

Can Compare With Best in Europe, U.S.

STOCKHOLM, Saturday (INA). — Some 15 of Israel's leading actors and actresses could be compared with the best of the European or American stage, the Swedish stage director, Mr. Sandro Malmquist, who recently returned home after directing the Habimah Theatre in Israel, told a Press conference here. Mr. Malmquist highly praised the theatre in Israel.

The first impression he received was that there is a strong national feeling for creating "something they can call their own."

Congressionalist Party Tours Israel

Fourteen members of the Council for Social Action of the Congressional Christian Churches crossed into Israel yesterday for a short visit. They were led by Professor Herman F. Reissig. The group has visited the Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

Yesterday they called on Chief Rabbi Herzog and had lunch with the Jerusalem District Representative, Dr. A. Biran.

Asher Barash Prize

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — An Asher Barash prize, in memory of the late author and teacher, has been established by the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

The prize, IL.800, will be awarded for published or unpublished works of children's and young people's literature.

The prize will be awarded on February 1, 1955, the birthday of the late author. Entries should reach the American Fund before November 15, 1954.

LAW REPORT

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The Attorney General v. Noah Stern, (Cr.C. 182/53).
Before: Judge Halevi, President of the Court.

ACCUSED DECLINES PLEA OF INSANITY

Noah Stern was found guilty in the Jerusalem District Court of attempting to murder Eliahu Sobolsky at the Ramat Rahel kibbutz and sentenced to five years in prison (as already reported in *The Jerusalem Post*).

From the facts before the Court it appeared that Stern believed he had received some divine injunction to kill Sobolsky or anyone else. Throughout the course of the trial he denied vehemently that he was mentally deranged and refused to be examined by a psychiatrist or to allow any psychiatrist to testify on the impression the accused's behaviour had made on him during the proceedings. Similarly, Stern refused to allow his Counsel, Mr. S. Mizrahi, to plead insanity on his behalf.

Judge's Dilemma

In delivering judgment, Judge Halevi found himself in a dilemma. On the one hand, the accused betrayed obvious signs of abnormality and, on the other hand, he refused to present the defence of insanity. In spite of the efforts of both Counsel for the prosecution and the defence.

In dealing with this problem, the judge pointed out that the law in Israel, following in the footsteps of English law, presumed every person to be of sound mind unless the contrary were proved. The burden of proof was on the accused and it rested entirely with him to decide whether or not to use the defence of insanity. The prosecution could not give evidence of insanity, nor could the judge raise the issue of his own motion.

According to Section 34 of the Criminal Procedure (Trial upon Information) Ordinance, if the Court decides that the accused did commit the crime but was insane at the time, it may bring in a special verdict of "guilty but insane" and order the accused to be detained during the pleasure of the Minister of Justice. If it appears in the course of the trial that the accused is mentally unfit to be tried, he may be detained in a suitable place until such time as he is fit.

In this case the second problem did not arise, Judge Halevi continued, since the accused proved that he was eminently capable of following the proceedings and of taking an active part in them. On the other hand, the law did not permit a verdict of guilty but insane unless he himself brought up this defence. In criticizing this principle, the judge quoted Justice Humphreys in the Henrietta Binns case (31 Cr.A.R. 559):

"That person has sentenseness enough to realize that, if she sets up the defence of insanity, which would certainly be accepted by the jury, she would go to a criminal lunatic asylum, but if she pleaded guilty of the crime the Court has no power to make any such order and she will go to prison for a comparatively short time. A person who knows right from wrong which she would be kept in a criminal lunatic asylum. That wretched woman is not responsible for her actions, according to the law. The medical officer of independent witness says that she is a dangerous homicidal lunatic, and yet the only thing the Court can do is to say that she must go to prison like any other person who has broken the law."

McNaughten Rules

After declaring that he was convinced of the accused's mentality derangement, in spite of the absence of expert evidence, Judge Halevi went on to consider whether this derangement would have excused him from criminal liability under the McNaughten Rules and section 14 of the Criminal Code Ordinance—which is based on those rules and demands that the accused must have been incapable of understanding what he was doing or of knowing that he ought not to have done what he did, at the time of doing the act.

In the absence of medical evidence, the judge held that this could not be established and since, in addition, the accused had refused to plead insanity, he therefore could not give a sentence of "guilty but insane."

Judgment

The judge solved the problem by finding the accused guilty of an attempt to commit murder and sentencing him to five years in prison, and, at the same time, drawing the attention of the prison authorities to section 62 of the Prisons' Ordinance, 1946. Under the provisions of this Ordinance the Minister of Police may, on the basis of a certificate issued by a Government Medical Officer stating that a prisoner is insane, transfer such prisoner to a lunatic asylum for suitable treatment.

Judge Halevi pointed out that this ruling applied to all prisoners declared to be insane while under detention and was not restricted to those who qualified under the McNaughten Rules. He pointed out, further, that Section 62 allows for the prisoner to be detained in an asylum until declared mentally fit by a competent doctor, and does not confine his detention to the period of the prison sentence.

Judgment given on May 20, 1954.

For the Prosecution: Mr. A. Kamar, Deputy District Attorney.

For the Defence: Mr. S. Mizrahi.

What to do

TODAY

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—
"Small Greek Sculpture, Oils and Charcoal drawings by Litvinovsky, Shavuot exhibition. Exhibit of the month: Historical scenes, 16th Century oil painting. Bezalel National Museum, 9-1. (tomorrow: 10-1).
Exhibition of paintings by Hanna Lerner and Wilhelm Schoen, Artists' House, 10-1, (also tomorrow).
★ Archaeology:—
Department of Antiquities. Special exhibition chalcolithic objects from Tell Abu-Matar, near Beersheba. Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1. (Tomorrow 10-1).
★ Tours:—
Hebrew University conducted tour, new administration building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.
★ Film Shows—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
Paintings 1952/54 by Mohaby, Modern Mexican Graphic Art, Early Mexican Art. 10-1 (also tomorrow).

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
"Flower in Art" — paintings, carpets and stamps — Municipal Museum of Modern Art — Town Hall—10-1.
★ Concerts:—
World Music Festival—Philharmonic Orchestra, "Armon" — 3.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM

★ Theatres:—
"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Edison Hall, 9 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Theatres:—
"The Trouble Makers," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8.30 p.m.
Habimah, "Macbeth," Habimah Theatre, 9 p.m.
★ Entertainments:—
Concert at Noga Cafe, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Dance and dine at the Cocktail Bar.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
"Flowers in Art"—paintings, carpets and stamps — Municipal Museum of Modern Art—Town Hall—10-1, 6-8.
★ Concerts:—
Last concert of the World Music Festival—Town Hall, 9 p.m.
★ Entertainments:—
Radley's Ice Revue at "Bin Dor" Hall, at 6.15 and 9.15 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatres:—
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FIRST PROGRAMME

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m. (tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.), 1.30, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 4.30 p.m.

TODAY

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa, only.); 6.50 Service. 6.55 Exercise. 6.45 Musical clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.
12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 13.55 Requests (R). 1.30 Message to Immigrants. 1.45 Break for Music (R). 2.00 Service from the Greek Catholic Church, Haifa. 2.45 Music (R) 4.00 Shavuot Programme. 4.30 Music by Ben Haim (R). 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Light Music (R). 7.45 Wells of Work. 8.15 Bible Reading. 8.45 Reading for Shavuot. 9.00 Concert: Symphony No.3 (Weber), Austrian State Symphony Orchestra. Conductor: Eugen Ormandy. Soloist: Rudolf Serkin: Symphony of Psalms (Stravinsky). London Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra. Conductor: Ernest Ansermet. 10.30 Songs (R). 11.05 Close Down.

TOMORROW

7.30 a.m. Service and Melodies. 8.40 Songs (R) 9.00 Morning Concert: Pastorale for Oboe, Strings and Harp (Hanson); "Rustic Wedding" Symphony (Oldmark); Symphony No.4 (Beethoven). 10.30 Programme's 10th Anniversary. 11.00 Concert Hall: "Adon Olam" (Salomon); "Ruth" Ballet Music (Arbel); "Pastorale" Suite (Schlesinger); Prelude & Aria from Oratorio "Ruth" (Goossens-Prokofiev); Variations on Hava Nagila (Erandman). 12.00 The Story of Ruth. 12.30 Requests (R). 1.30 Harvest Songs. 1.45 Classical Recordings. 2.30 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Operetta. 5.00 Tunes for Melamed (R). 5.30 Folk Dances. 7.00 Opera: "La Tosca" (Puccini). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 "Learn, My Son." 8.35 Bible Reading. 8.45 Curtain Up. 9.45 Light Music (R). 10.15 "Collegium Musicum" Work by di Rossi. da Caceres, Bloch & Rosmund. 10.45 Folk Dances. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

499, 223, 213, 48.9 M.

English: News: 1.35 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French: 2.00 p.m.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): 11.15 Readings & News. 11.25 Personal Column. 11.30 Shavuot Sheaves. 11.55 News. Tomorrow: 11.15 Songs. 11.30 Military Quiz. 11.55 News.

Friday's Press:

M.E. Future Depends On Water Schemes

The future of the Middle East and the wealth of its peoples depends to a great extent on regional water schemes, "Hamishmar" (Progressive) says commenting favourably on the Israel plan released last week. The paper appraises the different schemes which have been brought forward, notes the advantages of the Israel-sponsored Cotton blueprint, and urges Mr. Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special Ambassador who is due in the Middle East later this week, to consider the technical soundness of the respective proposals rather than political expediency and yield to Arab blackmail.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) also welcomes the Israel plan which would utilize the water resources of the North as a key to the development of the Negev, while at the same time making possible the irrigation of wide stretches of land in the neighbouring Arab states. Both the Main-Johnston and the Arab plans, on the other hand, deny the Jordan waters to Israel's Far South, and so, perversely prejudice the State's absorptive capacity for additional immigrants.

The paper suspects that Mr. Johnston means to use the water question to submit both Israel and the Arab states to U.S. domination. Israel should do all in her power to turn the issue into an instrument of peace and co-operation with the Arabs and meanwhile renew work on the Jordan project without delay. The paper notes with satisfaction that despite all its disadvantages, the Arab project is the first document of its kind to acknowledge the principle of co-operation with Israel.

Walk-out Welcomed

"Davar" (Histadrut) endorses our delegation's walk-out from last week's meeting of the Israel-Syrian M.A.C. condemning General Bennike for yielding to illegal Syrian claims that would extend the jurisdiction of the M.A.C. over the demilitarized zone. The paper warns that such a precedent endangers the structure of the Truce Supervision Organization which is already precarious enough.

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) notes with relief that the Jordan version of the Khirbet Jinba affair, confirmed by the M.A.C., has been proved false in some decisive respects. The Israelis concerned did not commit wanton murder but were involved against their desire in an armed clash while trying to recover (and not to rob, as alleged by the M.A.C.) a flock of goats which had been stolen from Ein Gedi. The paper feels nevertheless that the affair has not been handled with the care required by our delicate political situation.

"Zmanim", on the other hand, severely raps "Ha'aretz" for rashly condemning Israel for the incident on the biased evidence of the "Hutchison commission" without even taking the trouble to find out the true facts.

In a second leader "Ha'aretz" takes the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, to task for basing her employment plan on social rather than on economic considerations. While admittedly the plight of the unemployed is serious, "over-employment" and social stability achieved by artificially created emergency work will not solve the problem in the long run.

This point of view is vigorously contended by Mr. Nathan Alterman, the poet, in his weekly verse column in "Davar". Commenting on the hunger strike of an unemployed man and his five children, the author maintains that means to liquidate the shame of mass-unemployment should be found even if some orthodox conceptions may suffer in the process.

Cartoonists' Barbs

"Davar" refutes General Zionist "Haboker's" allegation that the Histadrut cooperative enterprises are interested in inflation to liquidate their debts, while "Haboker" charges Mrs. Myerson with discrimination in favour of the kibbutzim.

The cartoonist of "Zmanim" depicts price-increases as a relay race, while his colleague in "Omer" (Histadrut) takes his cue from the Haifa Music Festival: the conductor (Prime Minister Sharett) scolds his twin musicians (anti-subsidy Finance Minister Kaplan and pro-subsidy Commerce Minister Bernstein): "You are out of tune, gentlemen!" "Davar's" cartoonist bitterly comments on tomorrow's Feast of the First Fruits, showing cucumbers thrown on the refuse pile for lack of buyers.

In "Herut", Mr. M. Begin, M.K., speaks out against Mr. Ben Gurion's election reform schemes: the Mapai leader does not aim at a two-party system, but wishes to prepare for his comeback as Prime Minister at the head of an absolute majority.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist), commenting on the Prime Minister's answer to Mr. Mikunis, asserts once more that the Government has betrayed Israel to American Imperialism. "Hatnoar" (World Mizrahi Union) deals with the Beit Meir affair, and the Agudat Yisrael papers with the party's world convention.

Copies of Koran Asked

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A request for more copies of the Koran was made when representatives of the Ministry for Religious Affairs stopped at the Moslem village of Taibeh in the middle of the Little Triangle on Thursday. The visit was part of an official Ministry tour through the main Moslem centres on the occasion of the Feast of Id El-Fit'r.

Leaders of Israel's 128,000 Moslems discussed with Ministry representatives their problems and religious requirements. Several Taibeh sheikhs expressed their wish to make the Haj pilgrimage to Mecca this year. They were promised the Government's cooperation but were told that the countries en route, Saudi Arabia in particular, would have to approve the entrance of Moslems bearing Israel passports.

At Taibeh and in Jat, Government representatives were shown repair and development works.

At Acre, Sheikh Musa Tabari showed the visitors large-scale repairs which had been made to the walls and ancient mosaics of the famous El Jazar Mosque.

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SHABBAT AND FESTIVAL SERVICES

JERUSALEM

[illegible] Synagogue: Tonight: 7.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m., Minha: 12.45 & 6 p.m. Arbit, 7.30 p.m.

Ernst N'Emuna (Gan Rehavia): Shahrit, 8.30 p.m.

Italian Synagogue (Rehov St.): Tonight: 6.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 7.30 a.m.

Beit Yisrael (32 Diskin St.): Tonight: 7 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 6 a.m.; Yizkor, 9.15 a.m.; Minha: 6.30 p.m.

Yehuda Synagogue: Tonight: 6.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 6.30 a.m. (Yizkor) & 8.30 a.m. (Yizkor), Minha: 12.30 p.m. Arbit, 9.30 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

Hatzkia Synagogue: Tonight: 6.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m., Yizkor, 9.15 a.m., Minha: 6.30 p.m. Arbit, 9.30 p.m.

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Haifa: Merkin, 1 Herzlia, 4716. Weizel Lawrence, 21 Ahuzat, 3288. Kiryat Shalit: Bialik, 7289.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS TODAY

Jerusalem: Dr. M. Rosen-Cohen, Merhavia, 3296. Dr. M. Gersony, 3/41 Grock Colony, 3841.

Tel Aviv: Dr. M. Shalkan, 1 Syrkin, 25043. Dr. N.L. Sacher, 148 Dizengoff, 36888. Jaffa: Dr. Alcalai, 46 Rehov 4.

Haifa: Dr. H. Sherman, 3 Hanassi'im, 3434. Dr. L. Landau, 4 Mahanayim, 6882.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES TOMORROW

Jerusalem: Herzl, Rehov Jaffa. Shifa, Rehovot Mosbai, near Mahane Yehuda, 4181.

Tel Aviv: Geula, 10 Allenby, 61275. Sasher, 27 Sheinkin, 3088. Ben Yehuda, 140 Ben Yehuda, 86898. Pitsou-Gad, 39 Nahlat Binyamin, 61744. Kiriat Dizengoff, 92582. Machabi, New Macabi Qr., 67357. Jaffa: Givat Aliya, 67 Rehov 4. Open only after 7 p.m.: Machlis, 113 Allenby, 3882. Klinghoffer, 32 Hayarkon, 3868. Taffe, 173 Ben Yehuda, 84848. Mascovici, 25 King George, 62888. Macabi, New Macabi Qr., 67357. Jaffa after 7 p.m.: Vermana, 3 Rehov 940, 61768. Frenkel, 13 Rashi. Notes: Brizi, 104 Schoffel. Bnei Brak: Rosenthal, Kiryat Hayobrim.

Haifa: Ben Yehuda, 7 Ahuzat, 3882. Mayer, 17 Gardes, German Colony, 4723 after 7 p.m. Kiryat Shalit: Bialik, 7289.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS TOMORROW

Jerusalem: Dr. A. Weiss, Romema, 61288. Dr. L. Romanoff, 11 Arlosoroff, 61287. Dr. T. Shore, 35 Rashi.

Tel Aviv & Jaffa: As today.

Haifa: Dr. Y. Eckstein, 13 Hashalom, 2668. Dr. F. Bilski, 7 Ahuzat, 3192. Dr. M. Landau, 4 Mahanayim, 6882.

US Court Grants Damages To White Called 'Negro'

NATCHEZ, Mississippi, Saturday (Reuter).— The Mississippi Supreme Court has held that for a newspaper to say that a white woman is a Negro is libellous.

It upheld a lower court award of $5,000 to Mrs. Mary Dunigan, a waitress, against the "Natchez Times" for a report of an accident in which Mrs. Dunigan, a white woman, was referred to as a Negress.

Justice W. G. Roberts said that although the action of the newspaper in printing a correction when it learned of the mistake was "commendable, it did not constitute a defence."

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Hadera	32	20	31	20
Tel Aviv North	32	19	31	19
Tel Aviv Port	31	20	31	19
Lydda Airport	33	20	32	19
Jerusalem	28	15	28	17
Beersheba	32	15	33	17
Eilat	17	21	20	21

FORECAST: Hot and dry, especially inland and in hill region.

(A) Humidity at 1 p.m. (B) Mist (gum temp. C) Haziness yesterday (D) Maximum temp. expected today

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AN UNDERWATER FISHING Club has been established in Nahariya by 15 amateurs to explore underwater flora.

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THE 1933-34 school year at the Technion in Haifa ended on Friday and summer vacation started. The second year students of the Agricultural Engineering Department have decided to give up their vacation and will study through July to acquire more practical experience.

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THE APPEAL AGAINST the detention of Ruth Hacohen was withdrawn in the Tel Aviv District Court here yesterday by her defence attorney, Mr. I. Hagler. He said that he learned from the police that his client, who is suspected of smuggling diamonds worth £100,000 from Israel, will be released on bail today.

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FIVE CHILDREN aged two to eight were abandoned by their mother in the office of the Ministry for Social Welfare in the Tel Aviv Kirya on Thursday afternoon. The police are searching for the mother.

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"THE RACES of this Generation and the Duties of Schoolchildren" are to be discussed by the Minister of Education, Professor H. Dinur, and Mr. David Ben Gurion at a rally of schoolchildren from all over the country in Tel Aviv, on Thursday.

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ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS TESTS and inoculations for children over four will start in Haifa and the vicinity next week.

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A FASHION SHOW is to be held by the Anti-Tuberculosis League, Haifa, at the Megiddo Hotel, on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

WHEAT HARVEST STARTS IN NEGEV

MIGDAL, ASHKELON, Saturday. — The wheat harvest was started in the Negev at the end of the week as the barley harvest drew to a close.

The wheat grew tall this year and crops of over 200 kilograms a dunam are expected. It is estimated that the harvest will end in the middle of the month.

Some 200 citizens of Beersheba volunteered to join barley harvesters on Saturday.

T.A. Beach Crowded Despite Official Ban

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The beach here was crowded to capacity today on what used to be the official opening day of the swimming season — Shavuot. There were no life-savers or Municipal inspectors to police the crowds as bathing on the beach is unofficial.

The Municipality claims that it is unable to prevent the entrance of the bathers who fail to be impressed by the health hazard involved in bathing in the polluted water.

On Tuesday, the Municipality is officially to open a new beach at Givat Aliya.

Beit Safafa Villagers Join Hands Across the Border

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Villagers of Beit Safafa, on the southern outskirts of Jerusalem, met their relatives near the barbed wire fence which divides the Israel village from its Jordan counterpart on Wednesday while Arab Legion officials looked on.

The occasion was the celebration of Id el Fitr, the end of Ramadan, when it is customary to call on friends and relatives and offer greetings and best wishes. The exchange of greetings between both sides of the border lasted for about half an hour.

"Normal" conditions were soon restored with Israel and Jordan police each patrolling their respective areas.

The Jerusalem District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, called on the elders of the villages in the Jerusalem District to extend the greetings of the season.

Impending Expulsion Of Villagers Protested

ACRE, Saturday. — A meeting to protest the impending expulsion of 20 residents of Kafr Nahf in Central Galilee was held here yesterday by Arab Knesset Members and Galilee notables.

The villagers have been living at Nahf illegally and have unsuccessfully tried to obtain identity cards entitling them to legal residence by appealing to the Supreme Court.

Telegrams urging a cancellation of the expulsion order were sent to the President and Ministers.

SHENKEL CELEBRATION

JAFFA, Saturday. — More than 1,000 citizens of Bulgarian descent met in the Galron Amphitheatre here this evening for the "Shenkel" Celebration. This is a 20-year-old tradition of Bulgarian Jewry which used to celebrate the beginning of the Zionist shekel campaign each year.

Kastner Signed For Jewish Agency

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Excerpts from a document in which Dr. Israel Kastner, in his name and on behalf of the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress, wrote that Kurt Becher, a Nazi, "deserved full consideration" in a Denazification Court were read to the tension-charged Jerusalem District Court on Friday.

Earlier in the proceedings Mr. Yosl Brandt had been accused of (and had denied) changing his testimony under pressure that was tantamount to "brainwashing;" later, Mr. Yosl Palgi emphatically denied that he had been led astray by Dr. Kastner to collaborate with the Nazis to save his own life.

Mr. S. Tamir, counsel for Mr. M. Greenwald, who is on trial for having libelled Dr. Kastner by saying he collaborated with the Nazis, produced the document signed by Dr. Kastner and made the charges against Mr. Brandt and Mr. Palgi. Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General, appeared for the State.

Dr. Benjamin Halevi, District Court President, opened the session by calling to the stand Mr. Brandt, who brought Eichmann's "blood for goods" proposal to Istanbul and was subsequently arrested in Aleppo by the British Intelligence.

Not content with rearing his denials to Mr. Tamir's accusations, Mr. Brandt countercharged that Mr. Tamir was exploiting the "split blood of Jews" for party interests, a charge which was sharply denied.

Admits Mistakes

Dr. Kastner admitted that he had made mistakes under a "demagogic cross-examination." He showed signs of severe strain and often stood with a lowered head which made his answers inaudible. Mr. Palgi shed the unemotional tone of his former testimony and snapped back answers.

With Friday's session, the prosecution wound up its case. Due to the illness of Mr. Greenwald, the trial has been adjourned until June 13 when the accused is expected to make his opening statement. The next witness to be called is the mother of Hannah Senesh.

Kastner's Testimony

Mr. Tamir read from Dr. Kastner's testimony in Court to show that Dr. Kastner said that he had never testified for Kurt Becher at a Denazification Court. Dr. Kastner looked at the document handed him and said it could not be his original testimony because that was in English.

'Full Consideration'

Mr. Tamir pointed out that a second document ended by saying that in Dr. Kastner's opinion Becher "deserved full consideration." It was signed by Dr. Kastner, representative of the Jewish Agency, in his name and for the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress.

Dr. Kastner: "I wrote 'consideration' only."

Mr. Tamir: "Do you have the original document?"

Dr. Kastner: "No."

Mr. Tamir: "When you said that you did not testify under oath you lied knowingly."

Dr. Kastner: "I regret it, if I made a mistake. What you are doing now is a national crime."

Mr. Haim Cohen: "Your testimony on behalf of Becher was true?"

Dr. Kastner: "Yes. It is true."

Dr. Kastner said that he owed his life to Becher, but this was not the reason for his testimony. If he had known that Becher had killed Jews in Russia and Poland, he would still have testified but his viewpoint would have been different.

"Demagogic" Questioning

Addressing the Court, Dr. Kastner said that he was sorry about several of the things he had said about Becher. "I never tried to hide anything, but under the pressure of a demagogic cross-examination, I made mistakes."

Mr. Cohen: "Would you testify today for Becher?"

Dr. Kastner: "Yes. But I would have omitted references to the Jewish Agency and the W.J.C. unless I had received specific authorization."

While Mr. Cohen was submitting documents to show that other Jews had testified for Nazis, he found the original document (which had been previously asked for in Court) on Dr. Kastner's testimony for Becher.

Mr. Tamir: "How do these miracles happen?"

Judge Halevi thereupon demanded and received an apology from Mr. Tamir.

In reply to questions by the Judge, Dr. Kastner said he did not remember talking with Mr. Brandt about testifying for Becher. He had promised several Nazis to act on their behalf, but he never did. These promises were tactical manoeuvres.

'Moral Obligation'

"I never promised Becher, but I felt a moral obligation to testify for him," he said. Becher, as far as he knew, had no direct hand in killing Jews.

Regarding Mr. Brandt and Mrs. Hanai Brandt, he said that he had never doubted their complete sincerity in their rescue work, but he felt that Mr. Brandt was not a suitable candidate to take Eichmann's "blood and goods" offer to Istanbul.

Brandt's Testimony

Mr. Brandt told Judge Halevi that he had never had any important differences with Dr. Kastner; had approved the policy he had adopted in Switzerland after the war and trusted him fully. He never met Dr. Kastner between 1940 and the present trial because he did not agree with things the latter had written in his report of the tragic negotiations.

Judge Halevi questioned Mr. Brandt on minute details of his arrest in Aleppo and had the witness draw a diagram of the scene. Mr. Brandt said that he saw Mrs. Hanai Avriel, who had accompanying him from Istanbul, standing outside the railway carriage with the police. Several officials approached Mr. Brandt; one told him in English to follow him, and the others pushed him down the corridor away from the exit near which Mr. Avriel was standing. He was bundled into a jeep. He did not see Mr. Avriel near the jeep. He was taken to an army barracks and a short time later his suitcases were brought to him.

Meets Avriel

Mr. Brandt told Judge Halevi that he had recently met Mr. Avriel at the entrance of Hotel Moriah in Jerusalem and had gone to a cafe in Rehov Ben Yehuda and talked for 30 to 45 minutes. Mr. Avriel did not try to influence him in any way. He also met Mr. T. Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, before the Pessah recess and talked to him for about 20 minutes on "non-concrete" affairs.

Mr. Brandt said that he never believed that anyone would prevent him from testifying, nor had he accused anyone of handing him over to the British or being led into a "trap" in Aleppo.

At this point Mr. Tamir leaped to his feet and made his dramatic "brainwashing" accusation. He further charged that Mr. Brandt had told him personally that he had been taken in the Prime Minister's car to see Mr. Sharett, Mr. Kollek and Mr. Avriel; that Mr. Kastner was a "swine;" and that Mr. Brandt had told him in the presence of witnesses that "they were 'murderers'." Mr. Brandt had been broken under pressure brought to bear by his wife, Dr. Kastner and the Jewish Agency, Mr. Tamir charged.

Judge Halevi allowed Mr. Tamir 15 minutes to question the witness.

'Extraordinary Swine'

In reply to a charge that he had called Dr. Kastner an "extraordinary swine," Mr. Brandt said that he "called a lot of persons swine if I do not agree with them." (Laughter).

Mr. Tamir: "Give me a straightforward answer. Did you call him a swine or not?"

Mr. Brandt: "Yes."

Mr. Tamir: "Did you not tell me that Mr. Avriel told you that everyone connected with the affair should be stood against a wall (and shot)?"

Mr. Brandt (shouting): "Those who act, make mistakes. Those who do nothing, make no mistakes. Mr. Avriel made mistakes."

Mr. Tamir: "Did you not tell me that Mr. Sharett and Mr. Avriel are not 'complete idiots.' If they erred, it was clear that they knew the results of their errors beforehand?"

Mr. Brandt: "I never said anything like this."

Mr. Tamir: "Did you not tell me that we have no other Government? This (affair) can hurt us abroad. Even if all this is the truth, it should not be brought up in Court?"

Mr. Brandt: "All that is correct except the words 'if all of this is the truth'."

'Highest Position'

Mr. Tamir: "Did you not tell me that you recently met the man who holds the highest position in the State', Mr. Avriel and Mr. Kollek and that you talked at length?"

Mr. Brandt denied this. Mr. Tamir then charged that there were three "distinct" stages to the witness' testimony. In the excited uproar that followed this accusation, Mr. Brandt said that he was telling the truth. Mr. Tamir, he charged, "wants to help one party by exploiting the split blood of Jews. This is just as 'swinish' as other people's acts."

Mr. Tamir, excitedly: "I have no party interests."

Palgi's Testimony

Mr. Yosl Palgi told the Court when questioned by Mr. Tamir on the discrepancies that appeared in his sworn testimony in Court and in his writings, that his testimony was honest. When a second edition of his book was printed, he deleted certain references about Dr. Kastner without consulting him.

Mr. Palgi categorically denied that he had written the first-person article describing his activities in Budapest which appeared in "Magen B'ester." He said he had not approved the text, and only permitted it to appear in its present form.

Mr. Tamir: "You were an idealistic boy led astray by Dr. Kastner. You collaborated with the Nazis because of Dr. Kastner and thus saved your life. But Pereta Goldstein and Hannah Senesh (two other parachutists) died there."

Mr. Palgi asked Judge Halevi for permission not to answer the question since his answer would offend the dignity of the Court.

Judge Halevi: "Answer, yes or no."

Mr. Palgi (emphatically): "No."

POLICE RECOVER STOLEN PICK-UP IN CHASE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Police early this morning chased and fired at a stolen pick-up from Mikve Israel to Jaffa where the vehicle ran into a tree near the Municipal Court. The driver ran away.

Three stolen seats from Mercedes were found in the stolen car.

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Champion Diver Opens Water Sports Season

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The water sports season opened today with a demonstration by the Maccabi Naval Group. Four thousand spectators [illegible] dives from a height of five metres, a dive from a height of ten metres, a [illegible] and a [illegible] performance by the first male performers in Israel since the last Maccabiah. Nir Yaari was given a gold and a silver medal in the games in Haifa.

Maccabi held a swimming meet for sportsmen from the north of the Plain. Three pool polo matches between teams from the North and Rehovot were completed in Kfar Ruppin.

Tel Aviv, Netanya Maccabi To Meet for Soccer Cup

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The final game for the First Division soccer cup will be played between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Netanya Maccabi who both won their semi-final games today.

Tel Aviv Maccabi beat Petah Tikva Hapoel 2:1 (1:0) and Netanya Maccabi subdued Haifa Hapoel 2:1 (3:1). Both games were played on neutral pitches and were typical cup games — the utmost on defence.

The victory goal for Tel Aviv Maccabi was scored from a surprising kick by Goldstein 12 minutes before the end of play. Tel Aviv Maccabi scored its first goal from a penalty kick from 20 metres in the first half. Hapoel equalized with an 11 metre free kick in the second half.

In the second game Netanya Maccabi overwhelmed its opponent, Haifa Hapoel, by scoring two goals in the first eight minutes of play. Haifa Hapoel managed to come back with a goal in the 30th minute.

Part of Dead Sea Scrolls on Exhibition

HAIFA, Saturday. — A part of the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered several years ago in the Judean desert and never previously exhibited for photographs, is the centre of attraction at the Bible Exhibition which was opened at Hechal Binn this evening. The scrolls were acquired for the University in 1947 by the late Prof. E. L. Sukenik.

The Exhibition is a feature of Bible Week which has been organized by the Histadrut and the Haifa Labour Council and is to continue until June 13. Contributors to the Exhibition include the Hebrew University and Bezalel Museum.

On display are early handwritten manuscripts and prints from 1475 down to a Bible edition printed in Stuttgart in 1966 in which corrections based on the Dead Sea Scrolls are embodied.

Colourful Murals

Colourful murals by Dan Gelbart, of Kibbutz Alonim, depict the social problems touched upon in the Old Testament. Paintings on Biblical subjects include copies by Michelangelo. Maps show the route the Israelites took in the exodus from Egypt and one shows "The Land Promised Abraham." A chart indicates the 770 languages into which the Bible has been translated, among them Tibetian, Eskimo and Mongol. The exhibition was designed by Eli Alon and the setting, in a tent, adds a Biblical atmosphere.

Present at the opening and among the early visitors were Professor B. Mazar, Hebrew University President, and Professors N. Tur-Sinai and Y. Seligman, and the Haifa Labour Council Secretary, Mr. Y. Almog.

Manufacturers To Discuss Credits

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Credit to industry is the major problem on the agenda of the Manufacturers' Association's Annual Convention next week. Manufacturers described industry in general as "suffocating" for lack of credit.

Manufacturers have had to resort to money obtained at "illegal" interest rates of up to 8% a month. It is argued in manufacturers circles that the proposed Government scheme to link loans in some way to the increasing cost-of-living has caused a flight of bank deposits in favour of a private money lending.

The Manufacturers Association, which includes 60% of the country's industry, is to demand that IL.10m. be advanced by the Government and the banks as revolving credit.

Export industries also suffered by having to wait too long for the receipt of their money.

The Convention will also deal with the fact that to date no collective wage agreement has been signed with the Histadrut. The last agreement expired on January 1. The cause seems to be the desire of private industry to change the wage scale since at present only a 20% difference exists between the wages of the highest and lowest industrial worker. They claim that under such conditions incentives to higher productivity are impossible. Also, the manufacturers desire to introduce piece rates and premiums without assuring a minimum wage as demanded by the Histadrut.

Fire Causes IL.15,000 Damage to Factory

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Fire caused damage estimated at IL.15,000 in the Wool and Textile factory at Rehov Bar Yehalin in the south of the town yesterday morning.

Five Fire Brigade cars worked about four hours to extinguish the blaze. Fire fighting was severely hampered by the lack of a fire hydrant in the vicinity and water had to be hauled in tanks.

The Hulah swamp was ablaze on Thursday night, lighting up the whole area, when a fire raged through the swamp most of the night.

The reeds, dried after the many days of shemer, burst into flames in the early afternoon. The fire was prevented from spreading to the wooden huts of the Hulah workers by the energetic action of the staff.

No damage is reported. The fire died out in the morning.

Solution Sought To Firemen's Strike

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday.—The strike of local firemen, which entered its fourth day today, will be discussed tomorrow in a meeting of the District Commissioner Mr. T. Goverait and representatives of the Local Councils which are within the jurisdiction of the local Fire Brigade.

The Chairman of the Fire Brigade Board, M. A. Yagnes, said that the Board would be forced to resign if back salaries are not soon paid. (Him.)

MATTERS of citizenship and immigration in the Safad district will be dealt with by the Safad District Office as from Tuesday June 12, for all inhabitants of the area.

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Israel Flats, Groves Bought in US

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TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Local businessmen who offered to sell in the U.S. flats or small orange groves have had a tremendous success, Dr. Arnon Rojansky, President of the Commercial and Industrial Club, said at the Club's weekly luncheon yesterday on his return from America.

He said that it was the "little man" in the U.S. who wished to buy some property and invest money here rather than the rich. The appeal should be directed therefore towards those with average means.

Dr. Rojansky said that some Israel partners of U.S. investors have been "very disappointing" in business relations. He suggested that the Manufacturers' Association, the Chamber of Commerce or even the Knesset should look into the problem.

Some kind of compulsory arbitration in case of differences between local and U.S. businessmen should be introduced, he said. In Dr. Rojansky's opinion, the U.S. business partner was right in seven cases out of eight.

Japanese Socialists Barricade Speaker

TOKYO, Saturday. — Socialist Deputies barricaded the President of the Upper House of the Japanese Diet, Mr. Yahachi Kawai, in his office for three hours today in their second successful attempt to delay the passage of a police centralization bill.

The Socialists, linking arms outside Mr. Kawai's office, refused to leave the House of Councillors until the Speaker promised not to call the House to order to debate the bill.

Liberal and Conservative councillors sat in their seats and did not attempt to free Mr. Kawai.

Earlier the Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, had indefinitely postponed his world tour as a result of the current parliamentary crisis which developed into an open riot in the Lower House on Thursday, which had to be cleared by 300 policemen.

The governing Liberals earlier today won a ten day extension of the present session of the Diet. They seemed convinced that the bill would eventually be passed. The Socialists claim that the police bill would give the Prime Minister power to turn the country into a police state. (Reuter, U.P.)

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US Air Force Produces A Solar Generator

BALTIMORE, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.S. Air Force announced yesterday the discovery of a solar generator which, when developed, could convert sunlight into enough energy to provide electric current for a home.

The Air Force generator is likewise capable of storing up the energy taken from the sun. It uses crystals of Cadmium Sulfide, a yellow powder employed as a pigment in the manufacture of paint.

A "wafer-thin slab" of the crystal measuring four by 15 feet would supply enough current to take care of a house. The slab could either rest on the roof or be built into it, the Air Force announcement said.

French Communists Confess Past Errors

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — French Communist leaders yesterday made public "confessions" of their errors at the party congress here.

M. Benoit Frachon, Secretary-General of the Communist dominated General Confederation of Labour (C.G.T.), told delegates that the general strike call sponsored by his union in April had been a mistake. He said the CGT had been guilty of the "inadmissible illusion" that the whole French working class was ready to support the strikes. The union leaders had acted without reflection and failed to learn a lesson from the previous attempts to launch major strikes.

"More mistakes will be made if we, in the party, do not have the determination to correct our errors," he said.

A Central Committee member, M. Michel Vandal, told the congress that the actions of M. August Lecoeur, who was one of the three top party leaders until March, had weakened the party. "Lecoeur had the major share of responsibility, but ours is great too because we put up with the situation," M. Vandal said. "We accepted various directives without discussion, which is contrary to collective party life."

Figures released at the congress today showed that the party lost nearly half its members during the past seven years. M. Marcel Servin, one of the three top leaders of the party, told the congress that the party had now 908,835 members. It had 907,785 members in 1947, according to official party figures published at the time.

M. Servin called on the 900 assembled Communist leaders "to make a special effort so that the tens of thousands of workers who were the best in our struggle rejoin our ranks."

5 Communists Get Jail Terms in Missouri

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). —Four Communists were sentenced each to five years' imprisonment and a fifth to three years at St. Louis, Missouri, yesterday for conspiring to teach and advocate overthrow of the Government by force.

Sentenced to five years in prison were William Senther, 49, a former labour organiser; Robert Manewitz, 37, a party educational worker; James Forest, 49, Missouri State Communist Party Chairman, and Marcus Murphy, 44, the party candidate for the governorship of Missouri in 1940.

Forest's wife, Dorothy, 39, was sentenced to three years in prison.

All five have been free on bail since their conviction.

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Watson Given Year in Jail

COLCHESTER, England, Saturday (Reuter). — A British soldier, Private John Watson, who deserted from his regiment in April, 1952, and lived in Israel for six years, was yesterday sentenced to a year's detention.

The defending counsel said that Watson had deserted to see some action after serving more than a year on endless rounds of guard duties and fatigues. He served in the Israel Army and later worked on a collective farm.

In 1950 he married an Israel girl and by 1953 had a flourishing farm of his own. He could have stayed in Israel forever, but his conscience urged him to return and give himself up.

The President of the Court said a punishment had to be imposed and the effects it might have on other men in the Army had to be considered.

The sentence is subject to confirmation.

TERMITES THREATEN 2 PARIS DISTRICTS

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — A hungry army of termites (white ants) has invaded two Paris districts and shown signs of spreading into a third.

Leading French entomologists have established that they are of the "Saintonge" variety — the most destructive in Europe — which in 1860 brought down walls and ceilings, wrecking buildings and killing a number of people. Municipal authorities fear that if the present invasion is not halted most of the city's buildings may eventually be endangered.

Two main areas affected are Passy, a west end district of luxury flats and villas, and the Latin Quarter, where 400-year-old buildings lean precariously over the narrow streets.

FLOODS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Saturday, (Reuter). — Ten persons were reported drowned today in floods sweeping Northern Yugoslavia and Southern Austria after days of abnormally heavy rain.

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VETERAN. — Lieutenant-Colonel George Thomas Merritt, who was at the Egyptian battle of Tel el Kebir in 1882, died in Durban yesterday at the age of 97.

SWEDEN. — Mrs. Ulla Lindstroem has been appointed Minister of Home and Family Affairs in the Swedish Government. She is the only woman in the Cabinet.

CUBA. — President Batista of Cuba yesterday signed a law providing for the dismissal of government employees found to be Communists, and for the expulsion of any foreigner engaging in communistic activities.

RECORD. — A Royal Air Force Canberra jet bomber flew from London to Rome yesterday in one hour, 44 minutes. Officers aboard claimed that the time was an unofficial record for the flight.

CHILE. — A Chilean Cabinet crisis ended yesterday with the swearing-in by President Ibanez del Campo of a caretaker Cabinet of experts.

DEATH. — The Italian aviation pioneer, General Umberto Savoia, died in Rome on Friday aged 82. He was a well-known plane designer and builder.

DROWNED. — Twenty-seven Korean students were drowned when a small ferry overturned at the north of the Kaotong river near Pusan yesterday. Police believe the boat was overturned by the students running about on deck.

BLAST. — An explosion at a chemical works near Charleston, West Virginia, on Friday injured at least 53 people and damaged buildings within a radius of 16 kms.

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"A GENERATION comes and a generation goes but the earth remains forever," and while it does so men's lives will be regulated by the seasons and the progress of the sun no matter how far man's civilization takes him away from close contact with the good earth from which the primary needs of his being spring.

SOWING AND REAPING

For that reason, certain fundamental rhythms will continue to mould the life and destiny of Israel and the great occasions of the ancient religious calendar will find expression in the festivals of the nation, in its harvests and its rejoicings even though the formal ritual expression they once had may have lost much of its original force.

For the Jew, there was always a dualism about the celebration of these seasons of the year. The Pentecost brought the first ripe fruits and the grain crops but also marked the date when the Law was given to Israel. Between harvest and Law there is more than just parallelism: there is a basic identity. The hope of harvest is an assertion of belief in natural law. As the farmer sows so he expects to reap unless the order of the universe is suddenly turned to chaos. And so the adage was imported into the moral field that as one sows so he shall reap.

This week the people of Israel have been rejoicing in the festival of First Fruits of which formal celebration begins this evening. From Eilat up to Dan, children clothed in white have brought their symbolic offerings, a token both of the youth of the nation and our hope for the future. Our pioneers in the Yishuv and the leaders of Zionism in the Diaspora tilled the barren soil of political struggle with nothing but hope to sustain them, with insistent voices from among their own people and outside it clamouring in their ears that to look for a harvest was to fly in the face of all the laws of political life. But they made it possible, nevertheless, for us to reap independence and reborn national sovereignty. Many perished in the struggle; many, like the leaders of Rumanian Zionism, still garner bitter fruits of persecution and life imprisonment.

The festival of Shavuot must, therefore, arouse solemn thoughts in the minds of Israel's citizens. How have we sown and what shall we expect to reap? The last few days are gratifyingly rich in portents. The Hebrew University has broken the ground of its new campus within the boundaries of new Jerusalem. From Yavneh, ancient site of Judaism's spiritual rebirth after the destruction of the year 70, a new powerful radio transmitter beamed forth to carry the voice of Israel, by the magic of modern science, to the Diaspora. From the Knesset came a vigorous restatement by the Minister of Labour of the need to redeploy the resources of the nation so that those who eat the sparse bread of enforced idleness in the cities may gain the fruitful harvest of productive labour on the soil.

But all these are but plans. On their implementation will depend the harvest. Will the Hebrew University in its new home grow to the full, true stature as a University of Israel expressing the rich culture of the nation and contributing, far beyond the chauvinistic limitations of nationalism, to the enrichment of the moral resources of all mankind? Now that the "Voice of Israel" and the "Voice of Zion" which proceed from Jerusalem have acquired a sevenfold reinforcement of power, will this but emphasize the thinness of their message or will the potential new audience thus created inspire a broader and fuller vision of what Israel means and what she has to say? Will the new call by the Minister of Labour for a redistribution of population be the forerunner of an advance towards a real increase in productivity, both in city and on the land, and a more equitable distribution not only of the responsibilities of the nation, but also of the rewards a just discharge of those responsibilities must bring?

Is This An Armistice?

(AS REPORTED IN THE JERUSALEM POST DURING LAST MONTH).

SUNDAY, MAY 2. — Infiltrators stole 120 metres of irrigation pipes from Kibbutz Gvar'am in the Negev.

For the second time in a week, infiltrators broke into the room containing the Scrolls of the Law on Mount Zion, Jerusalem. They stole two tablecloths, a stove and a kettle.

MONDAY, MAY 3. — Two of a band of five Arabs were killed in a clash with an Israel patrol near Tel el Hasi, south of Faluja. Lists of vehicles passing along the Beersheba road were found on their bodies.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5. — Three cows and a calf, valued at IL.-3,200, which were stolen from Kfar Ahim in the south, were retrieved by the Police.

Sarah Teherisset of Jerusalem was wounded in her left hand when Arab Legionnaires threw stones from the Old City wall near the former Hotel Fast.

THURSDAY, MAY 6. — Fire was opened across the Armistice line from Jordan on two members of Mevaot Beitar, in the Jerusalem Corridor.

FRIDAY, MAY 7. — Infiltrators who tried to break into Afikim in the Jordan Valley were given a hot reception. They made their way to Degania "Aleph" and stole personal effects from one of the outlying houses.

An Army vehicle was attacked by automatic fire on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Road, near Sha'ar Hagai.

SUNDAY, MAY 9. — An Israel Police patrol clashed with a group of Arabs harvesting 500 metres inside Israel territory near Givat Oz in the Jezreel Valley.

An Arab Sanatorium watchman was killed by automatic fire while walking to his home in the Castel ma'hara. Tracks led to the Jordan limes.

Infiltrators from the Gaza strip harvested 120 dunams of barley in Kibbutz Re'em, in the Negev. They made away with a crop valued at IL.1,000.

Infiltrators stole two sewing machines from Kibbutz Re'elim in the western Negev.

MONDAY, MAY 10. — A ten-hour exchange of fire followed an attack by armed Jordanians on a border police patrol near Khirbet Illin, south of Wadi Fukin, inside Israel territory.

An Israel policeman was kidnapped and his vehicle stolen in the Megiddo area.

Marauders broke into a hut housing a well in the orchard of Neve Yamin and stole agricultural equipment valued at IL.200.

Five Jordanians attacked and kidnapped an Israel Arab of Kfar Kasim in the Sharon.

TUESDAY, MAY 11. — Jordanians opened fire on an Israel patrol near Tulkarm.

Jordanians opened fire on workers in the fields of Kibbutz Eyal.

Irrigation pipes valued at IL.700 were stolen from an agricultural settlement in the Negev.

(The Egyptian Minister of National Guidance stated that "not a single Arab will make a negotiated peace with Israel.")

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12. — Sporadic rifle fire was opened on the Musrara Quarter of Jerusalem.

Arab infiltrators kidnapped Yosef Giladi of Degania Bet.

Watchmen at Kfar Uriya in the Jerusalem Corridor drove off two persons who tried to enter the settlement's barn.

MONDAY, MAY 17. — Arab Legionnaires opened fire on an Israel patrol which had challenged several shepherds who were taking their flocks to grass in Israel territory near the Mamedria Quarter, Jerusalem.

TUESDAY, MAY 18. — Infiltrators from the Gaza Strip stole 20 aluminium pipes from Kibbutz Bror Hayil in the Western Negev.

Watchmen of Kibbutz Sidon in the same area dispersed by fire a group of marauders who tried to break into the kibbutz group house.

THURSDAY, MAY 20. — Fifteen dunams of wheat were cut and stolen from Be'eri in the Western Negev.

MONDAY, MAY 24. — A resident of Tirah village was abducted by three armed Jordanians.

Jordan rifle fire hit an Israel freight train at Km.69, two kilometres south of Tulkarm.

About 30 armed Egyptians crossed into Israel and attacked a Bedouin camp at Bir Maiga.

One of two shots fired from the Old City wall hit a woman, a resident of Yemin Moshe, in the arm.

A group of Jordanians who penetrated into the Latrun no-man's-land were put to flight.

Fire was opened from Jordan territory on a group of harvesters of Beham, in the Little Triangle.

TUESDAY, MAY 25. — An Israel Army training unit was fired on near the Israel-Jordan Armistice lines in the vicinity of Rantis, near Lydda.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26. — An Israel patrol was fired upon from the vicinity of the Jordanian village of Imwas.

Machine-gun fire from Egyptian positions was opened on an Israel patrol south of Kissufim.

A patrol lorry was halted by metal spikes in the road and was fired on from Egyptian positions across the line.

THURSDAY, MAY 27. — Four mortar shells were fired from an Egyptian position. They exploded 500 metres inside Israel territory.

Fire was opened upon an Israel unit patrolling the lines in the neighbourhood of Mefalsim.

Five rifle shots were fired from Jordan territory on three workers of Mata'el Ha'ooma near the abandoned village of Kalania, opposite Motza.

FRIDAY, MAY 28. — An Army patrol ran into a group of infiltrators in the vicinity of the Hebron hills. The infiltrators fled.

An Army unit was fired on from Egyptian positions in the vicinity of Kissufim.

SUNDAY, MAY 30. — A bullet fired from the direction of the Jordan lines seriously injured a woman resident of the Musrara Quarter.

A woman was slightly injured by a stone thrown from the Old City wall.

Automatic fire was opened upon a Netiv Halamed Heh tractorist.

Arab infiltrators attacked Kesalon village in the Jerusalem Corridor. A soldier on leave, fired on at close quarters, escaped death miraculously.

While the members of Kibbutz Eyal, near the Triangle, were trying to put out a fire that broke out in their alfa-fa crop, they were shot at from across the lines. A three-hour exchange of fire ensued.

Marauders were disturbed after having removed bricks from a wall of a barn from which they were about to steal a cow in Moshav Gan Mayim.

A horse was stolen by infiltrators from a stable in the vicinity of Ramat Tiomkin, near Netanya.

A member of the Givat Rabel settlement was seriously wounded in an exchange of fire with an Egyptian unit.

Rifle and machine-gun fire from an Egyptian position across the border was opened on an Israel unit patrolling north of Kissufim.

Infiltrators who attempted to steal irrigation pipes from Mivtahim and Sufa were driven away.

Infiltrators broke into the stable of Kibbutz Ha'on and stole two horses valued at IL.1,600.

MONDAY, MAY 31. — Infiltrators who entered no-man's-land in the Latrun area were driven off by an Israel patrol.

An exchange of fire took place between an Israel patrol and a group of Arabs from the Gaza Strip.

BIKKURIM FESTIVAL

The "bringing" of the first fruits and the first-born takes place during the Shavuot festival tomorrow. Photo by Brum.

Jews Figure in Eire's Academic Life

By a Special Correspondent

MR. de Valera's defeat in the last Irish General Election was really no great surprise to observers of the Irish domestic scene. In fact, it probably stems more from a desire for a change on the part of the voters than from any serious dissatisfaction with the present order.

There is no doubt but that the new Coalition, which must include some semi-extremist elements, will renew the claims which have been steadily advanced for over 30 years for a united Irish Republic consisting of both Northern and Southern Ireland. But otherwise the various parties, Fianna Fail, Fine Gael, Farmers, Labour, and a couple of others, only serve to lengthen the voting list because, basically, there is very little difference in policy between them. In fact any variations between the policy of one party and another have their roots in the struggle for independence in 1922, and its aftermaths, and it is common knowledge that a man with 1922 "connections" will pull far more votes than one without.

It is probably a fair conclusion to draw, then, that the result of the election will make very little difference to Irish international policy; nor is it likely to affect in any way the position of Ireland's 5,000 Jewish inhabitants. These Jews are almost entirely concentrated in Dublin, though a sizable community also exists in Cork. They are for the most part contented people, ardent Zionists, and almost untouched by the troubles of assimilation. They have many synagogues, which are probably as well attended as those in any European city, though the general tendency away from religion is as noticeable here as elsewhere.

The position of the Jews under the 1937 Constitution is very interesting. The great influence of the Catholic majority of 93 per cent is very marked in the Preamble, which says that 'In the name of the Most Holy Trinity, from whom is all authority and to whom, as our final end, all actions both of men and States must be referred, We, the people of Eire (Ireland), humbly acknowledging all our obligations to our Divine Lord, Jesus Christ, Who sustained our fathers through centuries of trial... do hereby adopt, enact, and give to ourselves this Constitution.'

And again in the section devoted to the laying down of principles of religious freedom, Article 44 declares: 'The State recognises the special position of the Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church as the guardians of the Faith professed by the great majority of the citizens.'

Fahey's Tirades

It can easily be realised that, if left unqualified, such dicta could endanger the position of any other religious denominations in the country. And, in fact, there was one notorious, a Father Fahey, who openly and at length crusaded against "Zionists, Communists and Freemasons," and demanded that such people should not be entitled to live in Ireland, basing his campaign on the provisions of the Constitution. Indeed, Father Fahey had formed a society known as "Maria Duce" which issued a newspaper called "Fiat," both of which ardently carried his torch and delighted in drawing subtle differences between "Jew" and "Zionists," a difference which never really existed in Ireland. From time to time also, they would publish a list of the Cabinets of the Communist countries, with the classification "Jew" after the names of all those who were born into the Jewish faith.

Father Fahey was a thorn in the side of most Catholic priests, and of the Government, who continually had to explain away his rantings; however, he died a couple of months ago, and his death has almost completely silenced both "Maria Duce" and "Fiat."

The Constitutional qualification and the great and exemplary protection of minority groups (popularly known as the "Fragmented seven per cent") is also contained in Article 44. It provides that 'The State also recognises the Church of Ireland... as well as the Jewish Congregations and the other religious denominations existing in Ireland at the date of the coming into operation of this Constitution.' This express recognition provides the official attitude — one of sympathetic consideration and attempted equality.

Jews have been in Ireland, off and on, for over 200 years, but the larger communities did not appear until the end of the last century when the exodus from Russia and the Baltic countries made Ireland a stepping-stone to the New World. Finding it a pleasant place to live in, many Jews postponed their Atlantic crossing indefinitely and became merchants in their adopted home.

Then the world-wide pattern began to take shape. The uneducated parents gave their children an education, and so Jews came more to the fore in professional life, as doctors, dentists and lawyers. Some of them have become great specialists in their own fields, and one, Dr. Bethel Solomons by name, has achieved a remarkable distinction — he is the only non-Protestant ever to have been appointed Master of the world-famous Rotunda Hospital (Protestant monopolised maternity home in Dublin).

Student Population

In academic life Jews also play a great part. The Jewish student population of Dublin numbers about 150, though many of these have come to Ireland to study, to get away from the sophisticating atmosphere of English University conditions. There are five Jewish lecturers at Trinity College, Dublin, and many more at the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland and in University College, Cork. There is even one Jewish member of Dail (lower house of Parliament) Mr. Briscoe, who has been elected regularly on a de Valera ticket for over 30 years (though even he owes his popularity with Irish voters to his "1922 connections.")

Only last month the Dublin Maccabi put the finishing touches to its dreamchild, a sports ground and pavilion which is reckoned to be the finest in the country. Though Irish Jewish sporting standards are not too high, representatives from Ireland have managed to come to the last two Maccabiahs. Dublin also boasts of a fine Drama Society; and Israelis have already had an opportunity of sampling the excellence of the Dublin Jewish Musical Society's choir, which scored a great success during the 1952 International Choir Festival here.

It is true to say that Ireland is very definitely a friend of Israel's; the similarity between their evolutions and their similar language problems (Israel is continually pointed to as a shining example by advocates of the so far unsuccessful attempts to revive and revitalise the ancient Gaeli-) is sufficient to ensure this. It is a great shame that there has as yet been no official exchange of representatives between the two countries, though Ireland was one of the first countries to recognise Israel, and though Mr. de Valera paid this country a visit a few years back. It is thought that Ireland is awaiting a Vatican lead before making diplomatic appointments.

Vipers 'Milked' to Make Serum

By DAN MENDELSOHN

A FLOCK of over 30 vipers is regularly being "milked" of their poison in the Biological Institute in Tel Aviv. The poison is then sent in dehydrated form to the Pasteur Institute in Paris, where it is gradually injected into the blood of a horse that builds up extraordinary immunity. Some day it will absorb 30 grams of Israel viper poison — many times more than the amount which would normally kill a horse. The anti-toxin the horse develops to counteract the poison will eventually be extracted from its blood in the form of serum. The specific serum against Israel vipers will arrive here by the summer of 1956, signalling the conquest of the viper threat in this country. The supply of serum from that one horse, it is estimated, will meet this country's needs for two years. Thus it is that the vipers kept in the Biological Institute have been turned into traitors of their species which, it seems, have declared war on the human population.

Until 1956, however, there will actually be no sure way of treating a person who has been bitten. While the only snake that is really dangerous is the viper, every person bitten should immediately be rushed to the nearest hospital or emergency station, as partisan methods of treatment, experts say, certainly do not help. Taking precautions against being bitten in the first place is naturally the one basic way to minimize the snake danger. And these will be necessary even when the serum is available.

According to an expert of the Biological Institute, Mr. Daniel Roch, the best measure against the snake threat is to educate the public in the ways of the reptiles. Since about 80 per cent of snake bites occur below the ankles, people in exposed areas should wear high boots. Workers and hikers in fields should take care when overturning stones and hay. Camping areas and camps should be better lighted at night, so that walkers can see threatening snakes. Every farmer and soldier should be equipped with a flashlight to light his path in rural areas.

The indiscriminate mass killing of snakes which is undertaken now in many places and suggested in others can be of more harm than use, Mr. Roch points out. Most of the 31 known kinds of snakes in Israel are the farmers' allies against field mice and other pests. Only seven kinds of snakes are dangerous to humans; of those, the viper alone is of any danger north of the Negev. The extermination of other snakes may leave ample *lebensraum* for the viper: the number of field mice, moles etc. would grow, making living conditions for remaining snakes rather lush, not to speak of the extensive damage to crops.

'52 Record Year

It will be remembered that snake bites were particularly heavy in the spring and summer of 1952, following the field mice plague of the former two years. In 1952, the number of recorded fatalities from snake bites was over 30, or double the previous average of about 15 per annum. The fatalities recorded this season already point to the eventuality that the 1952 record may rather become an average.

This tendency is only to be expected, in view of the growth of the rural population of Israel and the large increase in the land area planted with field crops. Many of these areas have not been inhabited by Jews before. It can be assumed that many fellaheen used to succumb to viper bites, but no one bothered about it.

While taking all necessary preventive measures, the public should keep in mind that snake bites will never become anything like a major cause of mortality in Israel.

KNOW THE KILLER

The viper is easily recognised by the broad, zigzag black stripe which runs along its back. It is mostly active in the first and concluding hours of the day, in the characteristic slit vertical opening of a night animal. During the day it seeks shady, cool hiding places such as small caves in rocks, underneath stones, bushes, haystacks, snake in grunting etc. and remaining there in the sun to suspend plans to digest its night's catch.

Readers' Letters

WHAT'S NEW IN ZIKHRON YA'ACOV

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I usually like reading Dahn Ben-Amotz's column but in his treatment of the Zikhron Ya'acov affair, he overstepped the mark considerably. Before rushing into print, he should examine the case more thoroughly. He would then learn that wine for ritual use can only be made by observant Jews. There are hundreds of thousands of Jews in Israel and millions of Jews throughout the world to whom it is important to know that their wine is strictly kosher. To permit the non-observant to work in the distilleries would be comparable to allowing a non-observant Jew to be a ritual slaughterer. Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL

Jerusalem, May 31.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I do not intend to defend religious Jews — no defence is needed..... I cordially invite Mr. Ben-Amotz to visit us here in our kibbutz and see what physical work we do during the week. Yours, etc.,

HAHAVA JAGUER

Sdot Yaacov, May 31.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Although I am not observant myself, I found Mr. Ben-Amotz's comments on religious Jews offensive..... I am a tourist in Israel.... and am surprised that your paper printed this. Yours, etc.,

ILONA RAYS

Bat Yiftach, May 30.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Ben-Amots probably thought that the public might get tired of reading about what people wear or eat — which usually fills up most of his space — and decided that it would be more exciting to foster hatred and lack of understanding among the various sections of our people. Yours, etc.,

Jerusalem, May 30. B.V.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — There are indeed queer people in this country who have certain peculiarities. We ourselves belong to that class of people. For instance, we are very anxious to do a lot of physical work. Not the kind of work those observant Jews do at Tirat Zvi or Hafetz Haim. Those places are far away anyhow, and, as the price of petrol has gone up, we'd rather stay at home and play with our newborn offspring.

Just to give you an idea of how hard we work, the other day we went into "Nitzan" round the corner. We sat ourselves down (used up 20 calories), loudly ordered coffee with milk (used 20 calories), waited seven minutes (14 calories), drank our coffee (gained back all 80). We winked an eye at an old girl friend, paid for our coffee, smiled, beat our chest to write it up, paid him IL.2 (in advance!). Hard workday! Shudder. Went home, didn't shake hands with anybody. Afraid to lose more calories.

They want to rest on Saturdays. They even want "Nitzan" closed down. That's too much, in our opinion. If they want a rest, let them first work as we do.

We told our man to write about this. He brought us the script. Someone (poor fellow, a University student) told us he had read a similar article in "Der Stuermer."

So we asked "What's New then?" Yours, etc.,

PINCHAS E. PELT

Jerusalem, May 30.

MUSICAL DIARY

A CONCERT of compositions by Shalom Aharoni will take place at the Z.O.A. Auditorium in Tel Aviv on June 7. Ada Shor, Shlomo Garter and Eliahu Rudiakow will participate.

Mr. Aharoni is an old settler in this country; he is an ex-serviceman of the Jewish Battalion of the First World War and lives in Avihail.

A young Bulgarian conductor, David Ninio, who graduated from the Ecole Superieure de musique Cesar Franck in Paris, has arrived in Israel to join his mother in Tel Aviv. He began his studies at the Sofia Conservatoire.

The first Tel Aviv concert of the Haifa Orchestra will take place at the Z.O.A House on June 9; Frank Pelleg will conduct and Evi Sztilin will be the soloist.

Clemens Krauss Dead

CLEMENS Krauss, international opera leader, conductor and composer Austrian musician, died recently at a concert tour in Mexico. He was 61. The body has been flown back to Vienna for burial.

Clemens Krauss was an infant prodigy. When he was 10, he sang in the Vienna Imperial Choir; at the age of 19, he appeared as conductor for the first time. In 1929, he became director of the [illegible]

activated relations with the Nazi regime, directed the first performance of Richard Strauss' opera "Isabella" in Dresden in 1933 and in the same year became director of the Berlin Staatsoper. From 1937 on he conducted in Munich. He was famous as interpreter of the works of Strauss and Wagner, and wrote the libretto for Strauss' last opera, Capriccio, which was first performed in Munich in 1942.

Krauss was scheduled to conduct this year's "Ring" performances at Bayreuth. Mr.

YOHANAN Zarai's tireless coaching of the soloists for the world premiere of Darius Milhaud's "David" earned him the grateful appreciation of the composer at a press conference.

FRANCO

WHO'S WHO IN ISRAEL, 1954/55

The considerable material received is being corrected and will be printed shortly. The book will appear in both Hebrew and English. Hundreds of orders for the purchase have already been received from here and abroad.

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The Week in the Knesset

More Jobs, Fewer Subsidies

By GERDA LUFT

"THE abolition of fuel subsidies was taken into account in the Budget passed at the end of March", stated the Minister of Finance in reply to a motion to the agenda which pressed for a discussion on the abolition. This statement makes it quite clear that the problems which occupied the Knesset last week and which may continue to occupy it for months, in committees and in the plenary, should have been cleared up during the far-flung Budget debate last winter. Differences of opinion centred at that stage around the Budget total, whether to confirm the sum as proposed by the Treasury or to cut down on it. Interest flagged as soon as it became clear that the attempts at curtailing expenditure were bound to fail. But far-sighted Members at that time asked themselves and the Ministry of Finance how the Budget could be implemented without making the cost-of-living soar thus upsetting the Budget.

It is now obvious that even then the Treasury had made plans to save money — by abolishing subsidies—and to cushion the shock of rising prices — by making workers accept part of the cost-of-living allowance in Government saving Certificates. The debate on unemployment, introduced by Mrs. Myerson, and the first fight about the abolition of subsidies, gave the Government the opportunity of stating publicly some of the plans which had not hitherto been widely known.

These plans must have a decisive influence on economic developments during the coming period, and the way they will be implemented will certainly have strong political repercussions. It is therefore no exaggeration to say that the discussion on unemployment and subsidies which started last week in the Knesset is as important as the Budget discussions at the end of last winter.

Common Goal

The speeches of the Minister of Labour, the replies of the Minister of Finance, and the general debate, revealed agreement on the common goal — creating more jobs and increasing productivity — with sharp differences on how these goals are to be reached. No one disagreed with Mrs. Myerson and Mr. Aranne when they said that unemployment not only creates misery for the individual but also means waste of precious manpower and therefore waste for the community. The discussion centred on implementation, and the question whether unemployment is to be combated by creating more work out of public means or by strengthening the existing economy so as to enable it to absorb more jobless, was perfectly legitimate.

The clear statement of the warring points of view, however, was obscured by the debate on the abolition of subsidies, in which paradoxically the General Zionists appeared as their defenders and Mapai fought to cut them. This strange circumstance made people forget that subsidies are a greater help to the poor than to the rich; that they were, in fact, introduced in order to give cheap bread to those who need it. The General Zionists, anxious to keep prices steady and to prevent the further devaluation of the pound, failed to show in the debate why only subsidies could achieve that goal.

It is a good thing that the Knesset did not decide on a fixed line of policy after the two-day debate, but passed the issues of employment and subsidies to committee for further study. The way in which the fight against unemployment is handled, the use of emergency and development funds, will be of supreme importance for the general struggle on the economic front. Moreover, one step in a certain direction — as shown by the abolition of fuel subsidies — may well set in motion a chain reaction which it may be difficult to stop if developments are not carefully assessed beforehand.

Time to Consider

Last week showed again that the introduction of the budget proposals should be more than a survey of developments during the past financial period, and proposals for future income and expenditure. Such important measures as the abolition of subsidies and the use of the money thus saved to create jobs, should be included in a budget speech. In Israel, where administrative measures can have a far-flung influence on economic developments, it is doubly necessary that the Knesset should know beforehand what the Government proposes to do during the fiscal year. Revenue expenditure, subsidies, employment policy and development plans all belong in a common framework and should be considered in relation to each other, else the Knesset will not be able to decide what economic policy it favours.

Tall Piece: Answering a question by Mr. Bar-Yehuda (Mapam) the Minister of Labour stated that the dismissal of workers from the wine-cellars in Zikhron Ya'acov was not a topic to be discussed by the Knesset, as it belonged to the domain of labour relations, handled by the employers and the Histadrut.

This answer might be legally correct, but the case has far-reaching implications which the Knesset might well keep in mind. The Rabbinate told the wine-cellars that they would not get the *kashrut* certificate if they employed workers who did not observe religious laws. It is a potent threat to the winery, and the Rabbinate can interfere with the private life of employees in the most effective way by such means, whenever the product they make has an important market among religious people. Is this state of affairs not a fitting subject for Parliamentary discussion?

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